

# EUGENE CITY COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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### AROUND THE CITY

#### New Airport Navigator Program



The first members of the Airport Navigators team are helping to make travel through the Eugene Airport more pleasant.

Dressed in bright red, green and blue Hawaiian shirts, the volunteer Airport Navigators also wear large "Ask Me" buttons to let visitors to the Eugene Airport know they are there to help answer questions and give directions. Navigators provide a first point of contact for passengers and act as ambassadors for the city of Eugene, the greater western Oregon region and the state of Oregon.

"Airport volunteer programs have been very successful at several airports across the country," said Eugene Airport Director Tim Doll. "Eugene is the largest non-hub airport in the nation and already our navigators have been a huge hit with passengers."

The first group of navigators includes community members from diverse backgrounds. "I love people. I feel alive when around people, it does something good for me," said Patria Robbins, a former flight attendant and Airport Navigator. "I wanted to do this because it brings happiness to me to be able to help people, communicate with people."

More Airport Navigators are needed. The qualifications include the ability to smile and be friendly, have four hours a week to volunteer, learn and share information about the community and pass an FBI background check. For more information, contact Cathryn Stephens, director of marketing and public relations, at 682-5430.

#### 'Care and Share' Fundraiser Benefits Senior Services

Make a difference in the lives of hundreds of fellow citizens. Attend the inaugural "Care and Share" barbecue and silent auction fundraiser from 4:30 – 7 p.m. on Friday, September 7, at Campbell Community Center, 155 High Street. Tickets are \$15 when purchased by August 31 and \$20 after August 31.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Care and Share Team, which supports a number of senior programs provided by Campbell Center, including the Restless Leg Support Group, Diabetes Support Group, Healthy Steps to Aging Walk, and the Senior Companions Program in co-sponsorship with Lane Community College. Additionally, the funds will contribute toward the purchase of turkeys and roast beef for the Holiday Dinner Program, a stove and refrigerator for the kitchen, woodshop equipment, and holiday food boxes in co-sponsorship with the U.S. Post Office.

Items in the silent auction include gift certificates to several local stores and restaurants, a golf package, a hotel stay, and tickets to regional entertainment. For more information, contact Yvaughn Tompkins at 682-6315.

### **Library Hosts Slug Queen Silver Jubilee for First Friday**



Eugeneans are hereby summoned to delight in the Slug Queen Silver Jubilee! Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Queendom with a free *First Friday* show at 6:30 p.m. on September 7, at the Eugene Public Library.

Swoon to the tunes and talents of Royal Highnesses of yore, including Queens Scarlett O'Slimera, Frank Slugsnotra, Darcy, Inspira, and Slugretha Latifah Uleafa Gastropodia Jackson. Hosted by beloved Very Old Queen Bananita, the event will feature musical accompaniment by Rich "The Duke" Glauber.

Through October, Eugene's Queens display their history in photographs, along with select pieces of royal attire and accessories, in the display cases on the Downtown Library's 2nd and 3rd floors. For more information, call the Eugene Public Library at 682-5450.

### **August Status Report on Major Capital Projects Now Online**

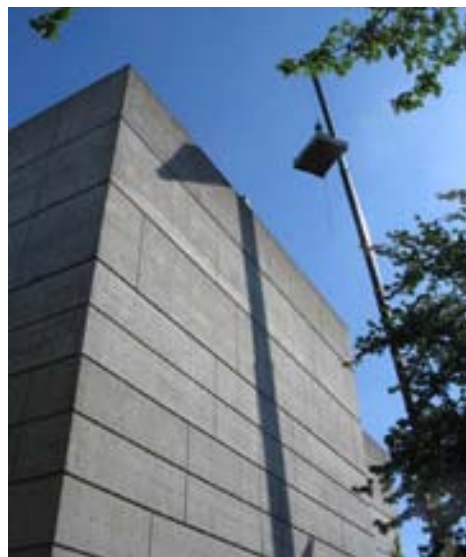
The Facility Management Division's status report for August 2007, is now online. A link to the project report, as well as previous reports, can be found on the division's current projects page at: <http://www.eugene-or.gov/facilities>.

The status report provides an update on the progress of major capital projects under the division's management. The projects in this status report make up a small portion of the roughly sixty active building preservation projects currently managed by Facilities, and represent either the higher budgeted projects or projects with significant public interest. This quarter's report highlights Hult Center, Airport and safety-related projects. For additional information on Facility Management projects, please contact Mike Penwell by phone at 682-5547 or by email at [michael.j.penwell@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:michael.j.penwell@ci.eugene.or.us)

### **Four Projects Constitute 2007 Wastewater Rehabilitation Efforts**

The Public Works Engineering Division is using four techniques this year to repair underground wastewater lines around the city.

The most effective technique for repairing the collection system is the "less-trench" method, using cured-in-place pipe liners. Wherever possible, existing sewer services within the right-of-way are excavated and replaced with watertight PVC pipe to reduce the infiltration of groundwater. The "pipe bursting" method of sewer service replacement is also being utilized. This process involves expanding and bursting the existing service from inside the pipe while simultaneously pulling a high density polyethylene pipe into the void that remains. This method reduces the impact to surface features and traffic. H&J Construction is the prime contractor for the \$940,000 project that will begin on September 4 and continue through early November at various locations around the city.



At \$500,000, the community wastewater extensions project provides a means of direct access to properties that are not adjacent to the collection system. Beginning September 4, Wildish Construction Company will build new wastewater mains and services in neighborhoods near the Lane County fairgrounds, south of the UO campus and near Skinner Butte Park. This project eliminates privately owned, aging and leaking wastewater "systems" serving more than one property. Construction will be complete in early November.

An entirely open trench repair project in the Beltline/Barger area involves the excavation and repair of isolated defects in the system as opposed to lining an entire segment. The contractor for this project is Eugene Sand and Gravel. Work began in June and is expected to be completed by the end of September at a cost of \$185,000.

A trenchless repair project of the collection system, also in the Beltline/Barger area was completed in June at a cost of \$50,000. The contractor, Michels Corporation, performed chemical grout sealing of isolated infiltration points. Funding sources for these projects is coming from wastewater user fees and wastewater SDCs. For more information, contact Project Manager David Starns at 682-8306, or David.Starns@ci.eugene.or.us.

### **Rosetta Stone Program En Fuego**

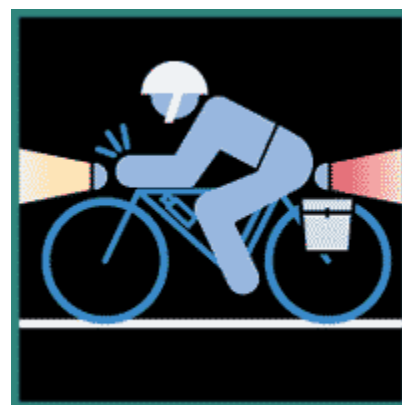
When the Eugene Fire & EMS Department offered line firefighters the opportunity to learn Spanish through the Rosetta Stone interactive software program, more than 60 responded, creating an immediate need to consider expanding what had been proposed as only a pilot program.

The department purchased the software pursuant to its strategic goal of developing and maintaining a workforce that represents the communities the department serves. Greater Spanish proficiency among Eugene's firefighters and medics will help the department move toward three objectives related to the goal: 1) continue to promote cultural awareness and competency of the current workforce; 2) engage women and minority groups in the fire and emergency medical services industry; and 3) enhance accessibility for non-English-speaking members of the community. Even more fundamentally, the department believes that service in the field will be improved. For the first round of training, 18 personnel were selected, representing all three shifts and representing the ranks of Captain, Lieutenant, Engineer, Firefighter and Medic. After two months, when the pilot program is finished, it will be evaluated and, in all likelihood, additional personnel will be selected for the training until all who expressed interest have been trained. For more information, please contact Training Chief Lance Lighty at 682-7130.

### **Lighten Up At 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Bike Lights Parade**

Area cyclists are invited to "lighten up" at the first annual Bike Lights Parade at the Eugene Celebration beginning at dusk on Saturday, September 8, at the LTD Plaza, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Olive Street in downtown Eugene.

The night light festivities will begin at 8 p.m. with a competition for the best illuminated and best decorated bikes. Past slug queens Slugretha Latifah Uleafa Gastropodia, Inspira, Scarlett, and Frank from prior Eugene Celebrations will be passing their royal judgment on the competition for Best Illumination and Best Decorated Bike. For those looking to add bike décor, a limited supply of decorations will be available at 7:30 p.m. The parade, which circles the perimeter of the Eugene Celebration, begins at promptly at 8:30 p.m. Door prizes will be offered throughout the event, and the first 50 cyclists to arrive and participate in the parade will receive free weekend passes to the Eugene Celebration.



The Bike Lights Parade is part of the City of Eugene's ongoing bike safety education outreach and is funded in part through a grant from the Community Cycling Center and in partnership with Lane Transit District and Commuter Solutions. For more information contact Cindy Clarke at 682-5285, cindy.j.clarke@ci.eugene.or.us, or Lee Shoemaker at 682-5471, lee.shoemaker@ci.eugene.or.us, or visit the Eugene Celebration online at [www.eugenecelebration.com](http://www.eugenecelebration.com).

**Police Program Teaches Life-saving Lessons to Pre-K Kids**

Four dozen pre-kindergarteners graduated last Friday from a comprehensive program offered by the police department to teach valuable safety lessons to young children.

The two-week day camp, Safety Town, is a nationally recognized program that introduces young children to safety awareness and accident prevention through hands-on safety education. The Eugene Police Department partners with the Eugene Kiwanis Club each year to offer the Safety Town program for children entering kindergarten in the fall.

Safety Town teaches life-saving lessons on pedestrian, bicycle, vehicle, school bus, playground, poison, fire, water and home safety, with much of the information taught through fun activities and educational play. Teaching tools include a child-sized town complete with streets, crosswalks, stop signs and traffic signals, to teach bicycle and pedestrian safety, as well as a real fire truck, police car and school bus the kids can explore.

Safety Town is expected to be offered again in 2008. For more information, please contact the School Resource Team supervisor, Sergeant Mike Galick, at 682-8189 or [Mike.A.Galick@ci.eugene.or.us](mailto:Mike.A.Galick@ci.eugene.or.us).

